

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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cooling said obtained bean liquor;
removing said bean from said cooled bean liquor to obtain an initial bean liquor;
adding a yeast into said initial bean liquor;
leaving said initial bean liquor with said yeast while supplying oxygen thereto; and
sterilizing the resulting liquid by heating.

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2. (twice amended) A superoxide scavenger as defined in claim 1, wherein said bean is a soybean.

3. (twice amended) A beverage containing a superoxide scavenger in which said superoxide scavenger comprises a composition, wherein said composition is prepared by:

boiling a bean with a liquid to obtain a bean liquor;
cooling said obtained bean liquor;
removing said bean from said cooled bean liquor to obtain an initial bean liquor;
adding a yeast into said initial bean liquor;
leaving said initial bean liquor with said yeast while supplying oxygen thereto; and
sterilizing the resulting liquid by heating.

4. (twice amended) A beverage as defined in claim 3, wherein said bean is a soybean.

Please add the following new claims:

7. (new) A superoxide scavenger as defined in claim 1, wherein said composition is further concentrated and dried under a reduced pressure.

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8. (new) A beverage as defined in claim 3, wherein said composition is further concentrated and dried under a reduced pressure.

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